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SUBJ: CIVAIR - PAN AM REQUEST FOR SERVICES AT LAJES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE ON LAJES PAN AM ISSUE RECEIVED TODAY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY DATED MAY 16 (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

" THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT LAJES AIRPORT DOES NOT HAVE FACILITIES WHICH PERMIT AN INCREASE IN ITS CIVILIAN TRAFFIC BEYOND THAT WHICH IS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED.

THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MENTION OF THE AZORES IN THE ROUTES ESTABLISHED IN THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 16, 1970, DOES NOT GRANT AMERICAN CARRIERS THE POSSIBILITY TO USE ANY AIRPORT IN THE AZORES BUT ONLY THE ONE OR ONES WHICH HAVE THE FACILITIES CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FURTHER WISHES TO CLARIFY TO THE EMBASSY THAT IT WAS THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WHICH OBLIGED THE CONCESSIONARY FIRM TAP TO STOP AT LAJES AIRPORT, HAVING IN MIND REASONS OF DOMESTIC POLICY REGARDING THE INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

ON THE OTHER HAND THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS
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SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT THE USE OF LAJES AIRPORT BY TAP

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CAUSES ANY SIGNIFICANT DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC.
HOWEVER, HAVING IN MIND THAT A MORE COMPLETE CLARIFICATION OF THIS MATTER MAY BE CONSIDERED USEFUL, THE APPROPRIATE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES PROPOSE THAT CONSULTATIONS AS ENVISAGED IN ARTICLE NINE OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF DECEMBER 6, 1945, BE UNDERTAKEN."

2. COMMENTS BY SEPTEL.
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